

December 17, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave NW  
Suite 200  
Washington DC 20268-0001

Re: Proposed Closing of the Hope (MN) Post Office

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the residents in the Hope, MN area to make an appeal that you do not close the Hope Post Office. I am a resident of Owatonna, MN which is approximately 15 miles from Hope. Although I do not regularly use the Hope Post Office, I did on this date make the drive to Hope to mail my 100 Christmas cards in order that they could be postmarked "HOPE, MN." It is such a unique postmark, and given that it is Christmas, and also that what our world needs more of is hope for the future, I felt that I wanted my cards to be postmarked as such.

It is my "hope" that something can be done so that many of these smaller post offices will not have to be closed. As I looked around the Hope Post Office—and I might add that it has a tiny little lobby and service window—I saw two other local customers utilizing the services of this post office. It will be a sad day if these folks no longer have this post office in their community and it will be missed by those of us who take our mail to Hope, MN in order to obtain a special postmark for special occasions. Please reconsider the closing of this post office.

Sincerely,



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